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SUBJ: FALSE PRESS REPORTS ON DAMAGE TO COLOMBIAN COFFEE IN THE LAST TWO DAYS LOCAL DAILIES HAVE CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORIES ABOUT DROUGHT-CAUSED DAMAGE TO COLOMBIAN COFFEE CROPS. ONE ARTICLE SPECULATED THAT THE DAMAGE COULD REACH AS MUCH AS TWO MILLION BAGS. THESE REPORTS ARE FALSE.

JULY AND AUGUST ARE THE TRADITIONAL DRY MONTHS IN THE COFFEE GROWING REGION. THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF COFFEE PRODUCTION CAN BE AFFECTED BY A PROLONGED DROUGHT, BUT IT IS SEVERAL WEEKS TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THERE WILL BE DAMAGE AND IF SO HOW MUCH. ESTIMATES OF TWO MILLION BAGS WOULD NOT BE REALISTIC EVEN IF THE DROUGHT SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST.

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